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In re Patent of Hillberry et al. :
Patent No. 6,890,137 :
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Attorney Docket No. DE42-003 :

Decision on Petition


This is a decision on the petition filed March 10, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued May 10, 2005. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5 year maintenance fee was Monday, May 11, 2009. This petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Therefore, this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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